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SUBJECT: REPORTED FAA RADAR INSTALLATION IN THE BAHAMAS

REF: NASSAU 0543 AND 0563

1. THE FAA HAS NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO HOW INFORMATION CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF FAA INSTALLING RADAR IN BAHAMAS CAME TO BAHAMIAN ATTENTION AS REPORTED IN REFTELS. HOWEVER, FOR SEVERAL YEARS THE LONG-RANGE PLAN OF THE FAA'S SOUTHERN REGION HAS INCLUDED PROVISION FOR A SECONDARY RADAR SITE WHICH MIGHT BE LOCATED IN ELEUTHERA. THIS PROPOSAL HAS NOT BEEN ACTED ON, IN SPITE OF ITS OPERATIONAL JUSTIFICATION, BECAUSE OTHER MORE URGENT FAA REQUIREMENTS HAVE TAKEN PRECEDENCE.

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2. FYI: ALTHOUGH EFFORTS TO INCLUDE THIS PROPOSAL IN PAST BUDGET REQUESTS HAVE BEEN DEFEATED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S (DOT) OWN SCREENING, THE ELEUTHERA RADAR PROJECT IS INCLUDED IN THE FY 78 DOT BUDGET REQUEST NOW BEFORE CONGRESS. ITS CHANCES FOR

SURVING THE CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW PROCESS ARE UNCERTAIN.

- 3. NO OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THIS FACILITY HAS BEEN MADE OR WILL BE MADE UNITL A BUDGET PROVIDING FOR ITS PURCHASE AND IMPLEMENTATION HAS BEEN APPROVED. EMBASSY WOULD BE INVOLVED BEFORE SUCH CONTACT.
- 4. INCIDENTALLY, THE TYPE OF RADAR FACILITY ENVISIONED FOR ELEUTHERA WOULD DO LITTLE OR NOTHING TO IMPROVE THE NASSAU AIRPORT TERMINAL AREA PROBLEM BUT RATHER WOULD PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE MIAMI AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER OR TO AIRCRAFT ENROUTE THAT ARE TRANSPONDER-EQUIPPED AND UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE MIAMI OCEANIC AREA, WHICH OVERLIES THE NASSAU TERMINAL AREA. CHRISTOPHER

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